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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 21, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2002, the time period for responding having been extended three months until November 1, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 9 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 8, 10 and 12 as follows:

B1 Sub C1

8. (Amended) A microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* and having an ability to produce an L-amino acid and having resistance to 1 g/l novobiocin.

B2 Sub C2

10. (Amended) A microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* and having an ability to produce and L-amino acid, wherein the microorganism has resistance to a DNA gyrase inhibitor and to an aminoquinoline derivative.